

Be Safe-Be Alert-Be Aware

Ride On is committed to getting you to your destination safely. But to keep Ride On as safe as possible, we need your help. Be our eyes and ears. Observe and report activities and things that are out of the ordinary. We can all count on a safe ride if we can count on each other to be alert, watchful and aware.

Remember, suspicion is based upon where someone is, when they are there and what they are doing, not upon race, color, ethnicity or gender.



A Suspicious Package is

- left or intentionally placed in an out-of-the-way location where it is not readily visible like a trash receptacle or behind or under a bus seat
- abandoned item or container such as a thermos, propane canister, fire extinguisher or piece of pipe

If you see a suspicious package...

- Stay away from it.
- Report it to the bus operator or call 911.
- When reporting, identify your bus number, as well as the time and location of the observed activity or package.

Subscribe to Email Notices

*It's quick and easy to keep on top of
Ride On changes through email:*

- STEP 1** Go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov
STEP 2 Click on "Ride On", then "Ride On Subscription"
STEP 3 Submit email address

Download Schedules to a PDA

*Downloading is available to your Palm device
(with OS of 3.1 or later) and Pocket PC
with Microsoft Windows Mobile 2003.*

- STEP 1** Go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov
STEP 2 Click on "Ride On", then "secondkiss.com" under Ride On Schedule
STEP 3 Follow instructions for downloading



Ride On Fare Increase

Recently, Metro announced that it will increase fares this summer. This will also affect Ride On fare rates. The proposed fare changes are designed to make transfers between Metrobus and Ride On simpler and less confusing and keep Ride On's boarding charges compatible with Metro's proposed fare structure. Transfers between the Metro and Ride On bus systems will continue to be free.

Montgomery County held a public forum on April 19, 2004 and will make a final decision soon regarding the exact amount. The increase would take effect on or around June 27, 2004. The following are the proposed Ride On fare changes:

- Increase of the base fare from \$1.20 up to \$1.35
- Increase the cost of the Ride About Two-Week Pass from \$12 up to \$14, still a nearly 50 percent discount
- Maintain elderly and disabled fares at one-half the adult fare all day; and
- Increase the cost of the Youth Cruiser Pass from \$10 up to \$14.

Additionally, there are several proposed changes for the Ride On 20-Trip Ticket:

- Increase the cost of the 20-Trip Ticket from \$13 up to \$22, still nearly a 20 percent discount.
- All undated Ride On 20-Trip tickets will expire on December 31, 2004.
- Beginning July 1, 2004, Ride On 20-Trip Tickets available for purchase will carry an expiration date of March 31, 2005. Thereafter, 20-Trip Tickets will be issued with a minimum of three months and a maximum usage period of nine months.

Ride On Information and Timetables Transit Information Center

101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor • Rockville, MD 20850

HOURS: Information 6AM-7PM • MON-FRI
 Purchase Passes 8AM-5PM • MON-FRI
 The Transit Information Center
 is now on the 5th floor.

Touchtone 240-777-7433 (RIDE)
 Pulse/Rotary Dial 240-777-5871
 TTY/TTD 240-777-5869
 Accessible Ride On 240-777-5870
 Or visit us online..... www.montgomerycountymd.gov

Fares and services subject to change.

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RIDE ON Bus Service



Service Improvements Part of the Go Montgomery! Program

As the first phase of service enhancements under the Go Montgomery! program, Ride On is introducing new service from Clarksburg to the Shady Grove Metro, and many other route improvements effective May 3, 2004. More service improvements are scheduled for Fall 2004. All of these improvements are designed to improve the commute of our riders while relieving traffic congestion in Montgomery County.

Ride On Introduces New Service from Clarksburg to Shady Grove Metro Route 82

Whether you're commuting from Clarksburg to downtown Washington, DC or somewhere in between, Ride On has seven buses each rush hour to connect you with the Red Line at Shady Grove Metrorail. In about a 30 minute trip to Shady Grove Metro, Route 82 starts at Clarksburg Town Center and serves other neighborhoods before taking you express on I-270 from Ridge Road (See map below).

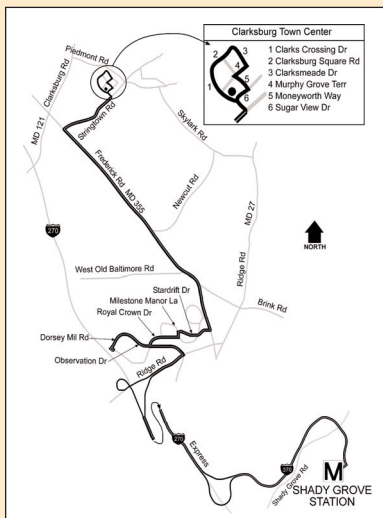
If you live in the Dorsey Mill or Milestone area, you can get to Shady Grove Metro faster than before and have more choices in your schedule.

Rerouted Route 79 Serves New Neighborhoods

Residents near Milestone Center now have new service on Ride On Route 79 which has been rerouted through neighborhoods to the east of MD Route 355. With 6 buses each way during morning and evening rush hours in about a 25 minute trip, Ride On takes you express from Middlebrook Road along I-270 to connect with Metrorail at Shady Grove.

More Service on Route 74

No longer just rush hour service, Ride On has added lots of service to this route that goes from the Germantown



Transit Center to Shady Grove Station. If you need to go in late or leave early for appointments, Ride On now has a schedule to accommodate your needs. Also, these changes provide midday service between Washingtonian Center and Shady Grove Metro.

More service on Route 70 (Germantown Milestone Park and Ride – Medical Center – Bethesda)

Route 70 now has longer morning and evening rush hour service so you can catch a few more minutes of sleep or finish that report at work. For those commuters from the North who want to avoid the stress of driving I-270, drive to Milestone Park and Ride, park free, hop on the Route 70 and relax all the way to NIH, Naval Medical Center or the other employment centers in Bethesda.

More Saturday Service



ROUTE 8 (Wheaton Metro Station to Silver Spring Metro Station) – Saturday service will start at about 7:50 AM with 5 extra buses each way. An additional afternoon bus each way gives you a longer day.



ROUTE 36 Potomac (Connelly School)-Bradley Boulevard-Bethesda Metro – Ride On has added more early morning and late afternoon service on Saturdays, while the time between buses has gone from 50 minutes to 30 minutes, doubling the amount of Saturday service on the route.

Additional Service Enhancements



ROUTE 37 – Potomac-Tuckerman-Grosvenor Metro – Earlier morning and earlier evening service on the route and less time between buses.

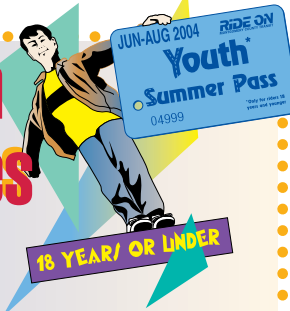


ROUTE 52 – Montgomery General Hospital-Rockville Metro Station – Route 52 now serves the Treatment Center Complex on Avery Road.



ROUTE 81 – Rockville Metro Station – White Flint Station – Ride On continues to serve office buildings along Tower Oaks Boulevard with 30 minute service during rush hours. In order to provide a safer ride for those riders going from the Legato Building toward White Flint, Route 81 will stop directly in front of the building.

Summer Youth Cruiser Passes



County residents 18 and younger can take unlimited rides on Ride On between June 1 and August 31, 2004 for only \$15. This is half off the regular Youth Cruiser Pass fare of \$10 a month.

Purchase Your Summer Youth Cruiser Pass:



● **Online:** Go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov, click on "RideOn," then click on "Buying Fare Media Online," and follow the directions.

● **By Mail:** Download a form, complete it, and mail it to:
Division of Transit Services
Fare Media
101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

● **Walk-in:** Visit any County Regional Center or the Commuter Store in Silver Spring.

*Please provide proof of age (passport or birth certificate).
Credit card payments are only accepted with mail-in orders.*

Kids Ride FREE

REMEMBER, IF YOU'RE a Montgomery County elementary, middle, or high school student (public or private) you can travel free on Ride On buses every weekday from 2:00PM to 7:00PM — even in the summer, for trips to the mall, library, friends, and other destinations.



Kids Ride Free now includes most Metrobus service in Montgomery County to make transferring easier.

Middle or high school students must show pictured school ID or Ride On Student Pass. Elementary age students do NOT need to show ID.